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Presented for filing is a new patent application claiming priority from a provisional patent application of:

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Title: OPTICALLY DECODABLE MICROCARRIERS, ARRAYS AND  
METHODS

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

|               | <u>Pages</u>                  |
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| Specification | 15                            |
| Claims        | 2                             |
| Abstract      | 1                             |
| Declaration   | [To be Filed at a Later Date] |
| Drawing(s)    | 10                            |

### Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 3 pages.
- New disclosure information, including:
  - Information disclosure statement, 1 page.
  - PTO-1449, 3 pages.
  - References, 39 items.
- Small entity statement. This application is entitled to small entity status.
- Postcard.

Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/452,667, filed March 7, 2003.

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